



Community Appearance Commission

Minutes November 7, 2007

The regular meeting of the Salisbury Community Appearance Commission was called to order Wednesday, November 7, 2007, at 4 p.m. by Barbara Perry, Chair, in the Council Chamber, 217 South Main Street, Salisbury, North Carolina. The following members were present and absent:

Present: Suzanne Casey, Greta Connor, Suzette Davis, Barbara Lawther, Barbara Perry, Sara Robinson, Bill Safrit, Johnny Safrit, and Tom Wolpert

Absent: Chad Morgan and Diane Gibbs

Staff: Councilman Mark Lewis, Diana Moghrabi, Doug Paris, and Lynn Raker

Lynn Raker introduced Doug Paris, Assistant to the City Manager, to the CAC.

The minutes of the October 3, 2007, meeting and the Financial Report were approved with changes. The CAC congratulated Councilman Lewis on his success in the election. The CAC appreciates Mr. Lewis's representation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Neighborhoods & Education Committee

Greta Connor reviewed the meeting held with Livingstone College representative Eldridge Williams and residents of the West End Neighborhood (Institute and Horah Streets). This meeting was a follow up to a complaint received from residents during the Neighborhood Leaders Alliance meeting (and S.N.A.G.) regarding trash in the street from Sonic and Dairy Queen Restaurants to Livingstone College.

Mr. Williams took responsibility and engaged Livingstone students in a special cleanup effort. There is a noticeable change in the appearance of the area. (Staff has purchased gloves and left them with the Public Services Department for public use for CAC cleanup programs.) Greta is including churches in the area regarding this effort. A thank-you letter will be sent to the college from the commission.

The Guidelines for Adopt-a-Street will be updated at a meeting scheduled for November 29, at 4 p.m., in the first floor conference room at City Hall.

Art in Public Places

Barbara Perry and Lynn Raker met with artist Ray Moose, Dr. Sarah Hensley of Rowan-Salisbury Elementary Education, and Bill Greene of Wachovia Bank about the art project that will highlight the cotton mill "tent revival" on the downtown Wachovia site. Two parking spaces at the site will be used for

this project, and Wachovia will donate funds for the plaque. Grades K-12 will be involved in creating the tiles for the project.

The Mayor is "on board" for the installation of public art that will visit the site of the new park at the corner of Lee and Fisher Streets on a rotating basis. Michael Baker, a local sculptor, has exhibited interest in loaning a sculpture temporarily for this project; we already have granite that may be used for a base for this project.

Landscaping

Suzette Davis thanked Bill Safrit and Barbara Lawther for their help and reported that the October recipients of the Landscape of the Month Award, Catawba College Hedrick Administrative Building and Clay and Martha Smith (330 S. Fulton St), were pleased to display the CAC "Landscape of the Month" signs. The sign was visible during the Catawba College homecoming.

Norde and Kay Wilson were nominated for residential recognition and C. F. Parks was nominated for commercial recognition for future awards.

The Third Annual Downtown Storefront Holiday Decorations award program judging will take place December 7. Downtown Salisbury, Inc. will promote the award. Suzette will not be in town that day; Johnny Safrit will attend in her place.

Grants

A final decision on how to distribute the final \$4,000 has not been made. Lynn has received applications for additional grant requests. The committee is in favor of helping OK wig, if possible. There is ongoing discussion about how to handle the request of Summit Developers regarding the old Social Security Building.

The MSD/ISG Committee will meet Friday, November 30, from 9-10 a.m. in the first floor conference room at City Hall.

Awards

The Awards Luncheon will be held February 27, 2008, in the Hilliard Room at Livingstone College; Jim Dunn will be the speaker. Lynn Raker, Joe Morris, Diana Moghrabi, and Barbara Perry met with the jurors and winners have been decided. There will be another meeting later to prepare invitations.

OLD BUSINESS

At the invitation of the Planning Board, Barbara Perry, Barbara Lawther, Sara Robinson, Greta Connor, and Lynn Raker met with Planning Board Legislative Committee A on T-01-07 (LED Signs). The full CAC committee had previously voted against LED signs. The committee originally believed that the use would not end by simply allowing the use in institutional districts; but, now Planning Board is studying allowing the use in other districts as well.

A discussion on the video followed.

Barbara Perry requested that the CAC be allowed to speak in opposition to LED signs when Planning Board makes their presentation to City Council.

OTHER BUSINESS

The 2008-2009 Goals will need to be finalized by the January 2008 meeting. Lynn passed out the 2007-2008 goals for the CAC to review prior to the December meeting.

Greta Connor wondered about the future of houses on 11th Street.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next regular CAC meeting will be December 5, 2007, at 100 W. Innes St. Apartment 7A (The Plaza), the home of Diana Moghrabi.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Moghrabi
Secretary